**GURNEE**, **IL** - Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) joined Lake County Fire Chiefs to recognize fallen firefighters, military, and law enforcement officials Saturday, September 10th at the Lake County Fire/Safety Expo. Congresswoman Bean addressed firefighters, law enforcement officials, and Expo participants in a short speech recognizing and celebrating the men and women who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

"The tragedy of Hurricane Katrina has once again reminded us all of the great debt of gratitude we owe to firefighters and servicemen, fallen and active alike." Bean said. Bean said. But to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice we will always be indebted and are infinitely thankful. I am honored to join the Lake County Fire Chiefs in remembering the bravery of their own as well as of military and law enforcement personnel everywhere."

Congresswoman Bean's speech was featured as part of a ceremony that included the Lake County Fire Department Honor Guard and an address from Lieutenant Hubbard, of the Gurnee Fire Department.

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